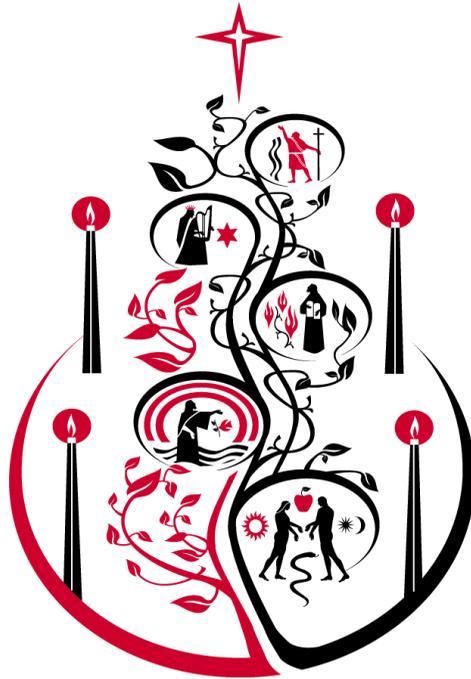


# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 28, 2021



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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
Kevin Kiel

### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

Zach, Meghan, Reece and Emma Chestnut

God of Hope, your light shines. Your presence walks with us. Your spirit longs to draw us close. We are waiting. We are alert. We are hopeful. We light candles trusting that the smallest flame can drive out our greatest fears. We anticipate your coming among us with peace and thankfulness. As we await your coming, light a flame within us:

**May we shine with the brightness of your hope.**

God of Hope, as we light this first candle, open our eyes to your signs and wonders. Turn our attention to the beauty of creation and the gifts of humanity. When our hearts are heavy, give us peace. When our world feels uncertain, ground us in your grace. Light a flame within us:

**May we shine with the brightness of your hope.**

God of Hope, we remember today our sisters and brothers in Latin America. The people who have lost so much from Hurricanes Eta and Iota, the people who trust in your solid ground, the people who long to find relief from the storms of life. We pray for your presence, attention, and protection for our neighbors. Light a flame within us:

**May we shine with the brightness of your hope.**

God of Hope, keep us on guard for signs of your presence and love. Fill our Hearts with strength.

**Guide us in these Advent Days until our Savior is born among us.**

Turn our attention to you, the one who is our song, our hope and joy. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the light that has no end.

**Amen**

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

**PSALM:**

Psalm 25:1-10 *(Spoken Responsively)*

- 1 To you, O Lord,  
I lift up my soul.
- 2 My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 3 Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- 4 Show me your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.**
- 5 Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 6 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**
- 7 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 8 You are gracious and upright, O Lord;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
- 9 You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.
- 10 All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

**SECOND READING:**

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :** *(Spoken in unison; please stand.)*

**Alleluia. Stand up and raise your heads  
your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia.** *(Luke 21:28)*

**GOSPEL READING:**

Luke 21:25-36

**SERMON**

*Silence for Reflection*

**MUSIC MEDITATION**

*From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

*Martin Luther/Roger C. Wilson*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all of creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of companionship and community, we give you thanks for the saints who journeyed with us and now abide in you. Even in distress and uncertainty, make us confident that your promises endure forever. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

## OFFERING

In response to all that God has done and continues to do for us in Christ Jesus, we now come to that part of our worship when we give . . . Not reluctantly, but cheerfully and in thanksgiving.

While many of us have been accustomed to giving in the offering plate, because of the pandemic, ways: through the mail there are other or with Vanco online. However you choose to give, please know that your gifts make a difference. Your support of our mutual ministry enables us to reach out with the gospel in word and deed in our community and to the world.

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Creator of the Stars of Night*  
Music: Plainsong, mode IV

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of our waiting and watching,  
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives  
to the service of all your people.  
Prepare the way before us  
as we meet you in this simple meal,  
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.  
**Amen**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

## COMMUNION

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Most High God,  
you have come among us at this table.  
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,  
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,  
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

**Amen**

**BLESSING** May Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever. **Amen**

**CLOSING HYMN**      *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*  
Lani Smith



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**Sunday 8:45 a.m.**

Faith Formation/Christian Education

**Sunday 10:00 a.m.**

Worship with Holy Communion

**Wednesday - 11:00 a.m.**

Holy Communion with Rite of Healing (Chapel)

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